CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER 20, 2020 - CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

INVOCATION
Councilmember Waterfield gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Soto led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Michael Moats, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Fire Chief Leonard Champion, Principal Planner Dana Eady, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, Planning Division Manager Ryan Hostetter, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Police Commander Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Public Information Manager Mark van de Kamp, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Information Manager Van de Kamp presented the City Council with a plaque for the *Helen Putnam Award for Excellence* program from the League of California Cities, in recognition of its innovative, student-run "*The Patch*" agricultural education program.

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Written comment was received from Harry Hydreos expressing his disapproval of the parking restriction that prohibits overnight parking in front of the Elks Lodge.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR
Consent Calendar Items 3A-3J were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2020-101, 2020-102, 2020-103, and 2020-104. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting, unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 6, 2020.

Action: Minutes were approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Accept as complete the public improvements associated with Refugio Townhomes, Tract 5905, and authorize the release of a Faithful Performance Bond [#PB00067200117] in the amount of $293,591.55 posted in the form of a Surety to guarantee the construction and installation of public improvements off-site; and order that the Contractor, Labor, and Material Bond in the amount of $146,795.78 and the Guarantee and Defective Material Bond in the amount of $29,359.16 be retained for six (6) months and one (1) year, respectively, from the date of the release of the Faithful Performance Bond for public improvements.

Action: Improvements accepted and Bond Release approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0

D. Conduct the second reading, and adopt Ordinance Nos. 2020-10 and 2020-11, amending the official zoning map for the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan Amendment, General Plan Land Use Map Amendment, and Zone Change Project at the Northeast Corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road (GPZ2016-0003); and approving an amendment to approximately 146 acres of the Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) Specific Plan located at the northeast corner of South Blosser Road and West Battles Road, and declaring consistency with the zoning code.

Action: Blosser-Southeast (Area 5B) zoning amendments approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
carried. Adopted as Ordinance Nos. 2020-10 and 2020-11. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution approving an agreement with J.F. Will Company, Inc., to award the Annual Portland Cement Concrete Improvement Project, Bid No. 2020/06.

Action: Award of Bid approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.

H. Adopt a Resolution to enter into a cooperative agreement with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to utilize awarded grant funds for necessary safety improvements on State Route Highway 135 (Broadway).

Action: Cooperative agreement approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
carried. Adopted as 102. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution authorizing an application for the Cycle 5 Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant from Caltrans and/or the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for transportation projects in the City of Santa Maria.

Action: Application for Cycle 5 ATP approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-103. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with S.E. Chambers Construction, Inc. for Utility Locating and Marking Services.

Action: Agreement with S.E. Chambers Construction approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-104. 5-0.

4 PRESENTATION

A. The City Council received an update from J.R. Killigrew, Director of Communications & Outreach with the Central Coast Community Energy aka 3CE (formerly Monterey Bay Community Pow

5 APPOINTMENT

A. **Block Grants Advisory Committee**
Three nominations were made to the Committee for three-year terms ending in July 2023, as follows:
Jose Aguilera-Galvan by Mayor Patino;
Cory Armstrong by Councilmember Cordero; and
Yvonne Teniente by Councilmember Soto.

Action: Each nomination was accepted and appointed by Mayor Patino, and ratified by the City Council.
Moved by Mayor Patino, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

6 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **2020 GROWTH MITIGATION FEE PROGRAM UPDATE.** The City Council considered the 2020 Capital Improvement Plan for the 2020 Growth Mitigation Fee Program and set the 2020 Growth Mitigation Fees. Director of Public Works McCune and Principal Civil Engineer Beas gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

Public hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m.

Laurie Tamura spoke in favor of the item as presented.

Mike Grogan thanked staff for the addition of a signal at Meehan and College saying it would greatly enhance student safety and reduce bus transportation in the area once school is back in session.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Action: Adopt a Resolution approving the Growth Mitigation Capital Improvement Plan, and renewing a 50 percent reduction in traffic mitigation fees for the Downtown Specific Plan area for restaurants, wineries, and breweries until December 31, 2023.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2020-105. 5-0.

Action: Introduce an Ordinance for first reading, and continue to a future meeting for second reading and adoption, revising/setting the 2020 Growth Mitigation Fee Program.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Cordero.
Motion carried. Introduced as Ordinance No. 2020-12. 5-0.

7 REGULAR BUSINESS

A. **SANTA MARIA VALLEY TOURISM MARKETING DISTRICT.** The City Council considered the renewal of the Santa Maria Valley Tourism Marketing District (formerly known as the Santa Maria Tourism Improvement District) and allowed for public input regarding the renewal and levy of assessments therein as set forth in the Resolution of Intention adopted September 15, 2020.

Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO, Glenn Morris gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report.

There were no written comments or public speakers for this item.

Action: Receive public comments as a required element on the renewal of the Santa Maria Valley Tourism Marketing District establishment process. No action is required.

B. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE.** The City Council received an update on the City's General Plan from Ron Whitmore of Raime & Associates.

Public input
Laurie Tamura representing Urban Planning Concepts requested further exploration of the growth areas and annexations outside of the City of Santa Maria since there might be almost 45,000 new people in the area over the next 25 years.

Action: Receive and file report.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER

City Manager Stilwell reported that the next regular City Council meeting would be November 3, 2020. Items on the agenda would include an item regarding a new State law on Vehicle Miles Traveled (SM 743 VMT), the first quarter financial report, a TEFRA hearing, and the final hearing for the Santa Maria Valley Tourism Marketing District. There are also small business (under $2 million in annual sales) grants available that the City is partnering with the Santa Barbara Foundation and the deadline for small businesses to apply has been extended to October 28th.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Waterfield and Councilmember Moats had no reportable AB 1234 activities.

Councilmember Soto reported she attended the virtual League of California Cities Conference.

Councilmember Cordero reported he attended the virtual League of California Cities Conference and a meeting with Recreation & Parks.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the virtual League of California Cities Conference; a couple of updated Santa Maria Key Leaders calls; a couple of legislative briefing calls; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting; the Mayor's Youth Task Force meeting; a North County Subregional meeting; the SBCAG and APCD monthly Board meetings; and a UCSB Economic Forecast meeting.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

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Approved at a regular meeting on November 3, 2020.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

11/5/2020

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria